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SUBJECT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE VISITING PEKING

DEPT PASS PEKING

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE, RENE BROUILLET, DEPARTED ROME DEC. 5 AS GUEST OF ALITALIA ON ITS INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO PEKING. THERE IS SPECULATION AMONG DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO HOLY SEE THAT VATICAN MAY HAVE ENGINEERED ALITALIA'S INVITATION TO BROUILLET AND REQUESTED HIM TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES CONCERNING STATUS OF CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA AND POSSIBLE RECEPTIVITY OF PRC TO OPENING MODEST DIALOGUE WITH VATICAN.

2. COMMENT: BROUILLET, WHO HIGHLY RESPECTED AT VATICAN, IS FOREIGN AMBASSADOR CLOSEST TO TOP VATICAN OFFICIALS; THEREFORE IT NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT VATICAN WOULD ASK HIM TO UNDERTAKE A MISSION TO PEKING. BROUILLET EXPECTED SOON TO TERMINATE HIS ALMOST 10-YEAR TOUR AT VATICAN AND ASSUME HIGH-LEVEL JOB WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU, WITH WHOM HE REPORTEDLY ON CLOSEST TERMS. BROUILLET, WHO DEEPLY RELIGIOUS AND DEVOTED TO HOLY SEE, WOULD NO DOUBT BE PLEASED TO END HIS SERVICE HERE BY FACILITATING RAPPROCHEMENT WITH CHINA, A GOAL VERY CLOSE TO POPE'S HEART.

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